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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; O*NET Data Collection Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 2015, the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, “O*NET Data Collection Program” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before July 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201504-1205-010 (this link will only become active on July 1, 2015) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Data Collection Program. The ONET Data Collection Program yields detailed characteristics of occupations and skills for over 900 occupations by obtaining information from job incumbents and occupational specialists on worker and job characteristics to populate the O*NET database that is used for a wide range of purposes related to career counseling and development, curriculum design, human resources functions, and workforce development efforts. The data collection methodology includes contacting businesses and associations to gain their cooperation and collecting information from employees of cooperating businesses and associations as well as occupational specialists. This information

collection has been classified as a revision because of an increase in the number of establishment testing units to be contacted each year. The ETA is also proposing to clarify the text on the level of education, to add questions related to professional certifications and job-related apprenticeships in the Knowledge Questionnaires and Background Questionnaires, and to revise items on disabilities to make them identical to those used in the American Community Survey in the Background Questionnaires. The agency has also made minor editorial changes to year of birth questions in the questionnaires and to cover materials related to privacy and mailing addresses. Wagner-Peyser Act section 15, as amended by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act section 308, authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 491.1.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205-0421.

The current approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015; however, the DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional substantive information about this ICR,

see the related notice published in the Federal Register on November 26, 2014 (79 FR 70569).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0421. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: O*NET Data Collection Program.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0421.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits, farms, and not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Federal government; and Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 28,866.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 28,866.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 14,537 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: June 10, 2015.

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